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Colony of [illegible] *Bay, Eſſex, ſſ.*

A[illegible]try and condemn all [illegible] found infeſting the ſea-coaſt o[illegible] ught into the counties of *Suff[illegible]* *Eſſex*, to be held at *Ipſwich*, [illegible] *Eſſex*, on Monday the eighteenth day of *March*, 1776, at the hour of ten in the forenoon, will be tried the juſtice of the capture of the following veſſels, viz. of a ſhip called the *Jenny*, burthen about four hundred tons, commanded by *William Foſter*: Of a ſhip called the *Concord*, burthen about three hundred tons, commanded by *James Lawren*: and of a ſchooner called the *Two Siſters*, burthen about eighty tons, commanded by *Robert Robbins*.

At the ſame court to be held at *Ipſwich* aforeſaid on Tueſday the nineteenth day of *March* 1776, will be tried the juſtice of the capture of the following veſſels, viz. Of a ſhip called the *Friends*, burthen about two hundred tons, commanded by *Archibald Bowie*: of a brigantine called the *Suky*, burthen about ninety tons, commanded by *Maddet Engs*: of a ſloop called the *North Briton*, burthen about ſixty tons, commanded by *John Riebie*: of a ſloop called the *Sally*, burthen about ſeventy tons, laden with wine, commanded by *Robert Baſden*, an officer of the Niger frigate, the ſaid ſloop having been firſt taken by the ſaid Niger frigate from ſome of the inhabitants of the united colonies.

At the ſame court to be held at *Ipſwich* aforeſaid on Wedneſday the twentieth day of *March* 1776, will be tried the juſtice of the capture of the following veſſels, viz. Of a brigantine named the *Nancy*, burthen about two hundred and fifty tons, commanded by *Robert Hunter*: of a certain ſloop burthen about eighty tons, commanded by one *Smith*, and having on board as cargo, turnips and Spaniſh milled dollars: of a brigantine named the *Little Hannah*, burthen about one hundred and forty tons, commanded by *Robert Adams*: of a ſloop named the *Betſey*, burthen about ſixty tons, commanded by one *Atkinſon*.

At the ſame court to be held at *Ipſwich* on Thurſday the twenty firſt day of *March* 1776, will be tried the juſtice of the capture of the following veſſels, viz. of a ſloop called the *Induſtry*, burthen about forty tons, commanded by *Samuel Lane*: of a ſloop called the *Succeſs*, burthen about fifty tons, commanded by *John Hitch*; of a ſchooner called the *Fiſher*, burthen about fifty-five tons, commanded by *John Moody*: and of a ſnow named the *James*, burthen about one hundred and eighty tons, commanded by *William Littledale*—All which veſſels, ſaid to be improved in ſupplying the fleet and army employed againſt the united colonies, and taken and brought into the county of *Eſſex* aforeſaid, together with their cargoes and appurtenances, are libelled in the court aforeſaid, and trials will be had thereon at the ſeveral times above appointed (unleſs the length of ſome trials ſhould neceſſarily prevent the hearing of any cauſes on the days above aſſigned; in which caſe ſuch cauſes will be tried as ſoon afterwards as may be, and the whole in the order above mentioned.) Of all which trials this notice is given, purſuant to the laws of the colony aforeſaid, that the owners of the aforeſaid veſſels, or any perſons concerned therein, may appear and ſhew cauſe, if any they have, why the ſaid veſſels, or any of them, with their cargoes and appurtenances, ſhould not be condemned. TIMOTHY PICKERING, jun.

(Judge of ſaid Court.) ◊

Colony of the Maſſachuſetts-Bay, Eſſex, ſſ.

A Brigt. named the Henry and Eſther, burthen about 300 tons, commanded by one Nellis, and ſaid to be improved in ſupplying, or otherwiſe uſed in the ſervice of the fleet and army employed againſt the united colonies, & taken & brought into the county of Eſſex, together with her cargo and appurtenances, is libelled in the court erected to try and condemn all veſſels that ſhall be found infeſting the ſea coaſt of America, and brought into the counties of Suffolk, Middleſex, or Eſſex; and a trial will be had thereon at the ſaid court, to be held at Ipſwich, in ſaid county of Eſſex, on Thurſday the 28th day of March, 1776, at the hour of ten in the forenoon. And this notice is given thereof, purſuant to the laws of the Colony aforeſaid, that the owners of ſaid veſſel, and any perſons concerned therein, may appear and ſhew cauſe, if any they have, why the ſaid veſſel and her cargo, and appurtenances, ſhould not be condemned. TIMOTHY PICKERING, jun.

◊ (Judge of ſaid Court.

WANTED for the General Hoſpital, a number of Nurſes for the houſes at Cambridge and Roxbury, the preference will be given to Boſton and Charleſtown women, and ſome men labourers, as aſſiſtants to nurſes, (thoſe belonging to the diſtreſſed ſeaport towns would be the perſons that the Director General would chuſe,) and as ſoon as may be. A quantity of herbs of all kinds for baths, ſage and beans, rags, fine tow, honey and bees wax, thread, &c. roſin, malt, hops, and wheat bran, is alſo wanted; and as there has been a quantity of theſe articles from different towns, (agreeable to the deſire of the Director General's recommendation) lodged in ſeveral places, ſome having come to hand and ſome not, and not in the power of thanks being returned to the perſons or towns from whence they came, and where loſt; it would be agreeable that notice would be forthwith ſent, (as they are much wanted) as ſoon as may be, to the ſubſcriber, at the American Hoſpital at Cambridge.

Thomas Carnes, Q. M. and Steward.

Convaleſcent Hoſpital, Cambridge, Feb. 22. ◊

Freſh DRUGS and MEDICINES.

Juſt opened, a compleat aſſortment of the freſheſt DRUGS and MEDICINES, and to be ſold wholeſale and retail,

By JONATHAN WALDO,

At his Apothecary Store, at the Lion and Mortar, King-ſtreet, SALEM,----Among which are,

THE moſt genuine and approved patentee medicines; alſo ſurgeon's inſtruments, ſuch as trepanning and amputating inſtruments, made by the beſt workmen in London; compleat caſes of beſt lancets; caſes of ſurgeon's pocket inſtruments; caſes of needles; alſo a ſmall aſſortment of books.

Phyſicians and Surgeons may depend upon the above things being of a quality that will fully recommend them. [t.b.c.t.f.]

To be ſold by MOSES CALF,

Next door to the ſign of the blue Anchor, Cambridge,

A variety of POCKET-BOOKS, wholeſale and retail; dew, mooſe, and ſheep-ſkin breeches, of all ſorts; men's and women's gloves, &c. &c.

JUST PUBLISHED,

And to be ſold by S. HALL, in *Cambridge*, B. EDES in *Watertown*, and I. THOMAS, in *Worceſter*,

LOW's & STEARNS's

ALMANACKS,

For 1776.

To be let and entered the 1ſt of April next, a handſome commodious houſe pleaſantly ſituated in Natick, its well accommodated for a gentleman or trader, with a barn &c. and a farm of 50 acres adjoining, well proportioned with ploughing, mowing and paſturing, with an orchard ſufficient, 12 miles from Cambridge. Whoever inclines to hire, may apply to Samuel Wells Eſq; living near the premiſes.

LOST the 9th inſt. a red Morocco pocket book, containing 25 dollars of continental and provincial bills, a ſilver haſp to it, together with a number of inſtruments belonging thereto. Whoever has found the ſame, and will return it to the ſubſcriber, ſhall have 10 dollars reward. by

MOSES WHITING, Capt.

In Col. Greaton's regiment. *Cambridge*, Feb. 22.

James Cumton of my company, Col. Patterſon's regiment, had, on the firſt of January, 1776. a furlow for about fifteen days, he has never joined my company ſince, and I am now bound in duty to my country and myſelf to adverſtife him as a deſerter, he is about ſix feet high, light complexion, light hair, ſomething ſtout, his face freckled, he had his furlow for Stoningtown in Connecticut. Whoever will take up ſaid man & deliver him to me the ſubſcriber at Camp at No. 3 in Charleſtown, ſhall have two dollars reward and all Charges paid by me

Samuel Sayer, Capt.

In the Houſe of Repreſentatives, Feb. 20, 1776.

WHEREAS this Colony cannot be ſupplied with a ſufficient quantity of Paper for its own conſumption, without the particular care of its Inhabitants in ſaving Rags for the Paper-Mills.

Therefore, *Reſolved*, That the Committees of correſpondence, Inſpection, and Safety, in the ſeveral Towns in this Colony, be and they hereby are required *immediately* to appoint ſome ſuitable Perſon in their reſpective Towns, (where it is not already done) to receive Rags for the Paper-Mills. And the Inhabitants of this Colony are hereby deſired to be very careful in ſaving even the ſmalleſt quantity of Rags proper for making Paper, which will be a further evidence of their diſpoſition to promote the public good.

Sent up for Concurrence:

WILLIAM COOPER. Speaker pro. tem.

In Council Feb. 26. 1776. Read and concurred.

PEREZ MORTON, Dep. Sec'ry.

Signed by the Maj[illegible] Part of the Council.

Deſerted from the 11th Regiment of foot, commanded by Col. Daniel Hitchcock, the following perſons, viz. From Capt. Jeremiah Olney's company on the 20th of Dec. 1775. William Edwards about 17 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches high, born in Scituate in the colony of Rhode-Iſland, dark hair and dark eyes.----Charles White Dec. 15th, 1775. 21 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches and a half high, born in North Yarmouth, blue eyes and dark hair, and William Gouge aged 18 years, 5 feet 7 inches high, born in Boſton in the county of Suffolk, dark eyes and light hair.---From Capt. Simeon Thayer's comp[illegible] Ebenezer Mott, January 20th, 1776 40 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, born in Hopkinton in Kings county, by trade a Carpenter, with dark eyes & dark hair, and Thomas Stephens, Jan. 20th, 1776. 21 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, born in Stonington, New-London county, with light hair and light eyes.---From Capt. John Topham's company James Bennet, born in Groton in the county of Worceſter, with dark eyes and black hair, Jan. 3d, 1776. John Pigiot, Jan. 20th, 1776.---- From Capt. Silas Talcott's company Peter Lovles. Jan. 4th, 1776. 26 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches high, born in Marlborough in the county of Eſſex. Whoever ſhall apprehend ſaid deſerters or either of them and convey them to the camp on Proſpect-hill and them deliver to the Commanding officer of ſaid regiment ſhall upon due proof made thereof receive five dollars for each deſerter ſo apprehended.

Cambridge Camp, February 7, 1776.

DESERTED from Capt. Friſcott's Company, in the 6th Regiment John Ward and Jehabod Bliſs, both of Old York, the former about 40 years of age, near five feet high, dark complexion, had on when he left the Camp, a dark brown out-ſide jaſket. Said Bliſs was of a thin pale countenance, ſhort buſhy hair, had on when he deſerted, a dark coloured ſurtout. Alſo John Rudd, about five feet high, 20 years of age, had on when he went away, a new pair of leather breeches, white yarn ſtockings, and a blue Waiſtcoat. Whoever will ſecure either of ſaid deſerters, and return them to Col. Whitcomb's regiment in Gen. Thomas's brigade, ſhall receive 3 dollars reward and all neceſſary charges paid by me, Samuel Friſſcott, Capt.

Camp at Cambridge, Feb. 19th, 1776.

Deſerted from Capt. Samuel Gilbert's company in Col. Preſcott's regiment, the following ſoldiers, viz. John Sharp, about twenty Years of age, five feet four inches high, well ſet, light complection, dreſſed in Sailors habit, deſerted the 14th of January, he belonged to Marblehead, and was loſt Board of on board Capt. Burk's privateer. Jonathan Fox, jun. belonged to Woburn, about thirty years of age, five feet eight inches high, well ſet, deſerted the firſt of January, had on when he deſerted a blue ſtrait bodied coat, and an old felt hat. Thomas Mayſald, who enliſted by the name of James Wilſon, belonged to New-York, is about five feet four inches high, dark complection, and ſomething pock broken, deſerted the ſixth of January, dreſſed in ſailors habit. Whoever will apprehend either, or all of ſaid deſerters, and convey him or them to ſaid Capt. Gilbert at Sewall's point, or to the provoſt marſhal in Cambridge, and obtain cert ficate thereof, will be entitled to a reward of five dollars for each deſerter ſo apprehended and delivered.

All perſons that have any demands on the eſtate of Thorndike Proctor, Junior, late of Salem, deceaſed, are deſired to bring in accounts to Ebenezer Proctor of Salem, adminiſtrator on ſaid eſtate. All thoſe indebted to ſaid eſtate, are deſired to make ſpeedy payment. EBENEZER PROCTER.

Salem, Feb. 27. 1776.

To be SOLD or LETT.

A farm with a large dwelling houſe, convenient for two families, and a barn, with ſeventy or eighty acres of land chiefly under improvement, for plowing, mowing and paſturing, and a good orchard on the ſame farm, lying in Grafton, two miles Northward of the meeting-houſe in ſaid town.----The conditions may be known at the Premiſes or by BENJAMIN WILLARD now at Meſford, Watch-maker.

Said WILLARD has for ſale, Gold and Silver WATCHES, alſo Cryſtals for Watches by the groſs or dozen, main Springs for Watches, Steel Chains, Keys, &c. Alſo, ſome very good eight day Clocks, ſome Muſical and Spring Clocks with neat Mahogony Caſes for the ſame, &c.

Wanted to hire, a houſe, or an end of a houſe in CAMBRIDGE, for which a good rent will be given.---Enquire of the PRINTER, or of JOHN PRIT near the Church.

◊ *See pa. 893, with the references.* × *See index, under Army of the United Colonies, & ſee the firſt Committee.*

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MASSACHUSETTS-BAY.

THE committee of both houses appointed to take into consideration a refolve of this court which paſſed both houſes on the ninth of December laſt, recommending to the inhabitants of this and the other colonies to withhold further ſupplies of proviſions from the iſlands of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard, and report what they think is neceſſary to be done for the relief of the inhabitants of Martha's Vineyard, have attended that ſervice, and beg leave to report by way of reſolve.

Whereas upon enquiry it doth not appear that many of the inhabitants of the iſland of Martha's Vineyard ever had a diſpoſition to ſupply the enemy with proviſions, and it doth not appear by the reſolve of the ninth of December laſt, that they were ſuſpected of corruptly doing the ſame; and ſuch meaſures having been taken as (in all probability) will prevent the enemy from being ſupplied from that iſland, and the inhabitants thereof muſt ſuffer while under the aforementioned reſtraint.

Therefore, *Reſolved*, That the order of this court of the ninth of December laſt, ſo far as it reſpects Martha's Vineyard only, be and hereby is annulled. And that this reſolve be printed in Cambridge and Watertown papers.

In Council Jan. 25. 1776. Read and accepted.
Sent down for Concurrence.
PEREZ MORTON, dep. Sec.

In the Houſe of Repreſentatives, Jan. 25. 1776.

Conſented to

W. Sever,	*Elisha Taylor,*	*J. Palmer,*
Caleb Cuſhing,	*B. Lincoln,*	*Jabez Fiſher,*
J. Winthrop,	*M. Farley,*	*John Taylor,*
John Whetcomb,	*S. Holten,*	*B. White,*
Jed. Foſter,	*Moſes Gill,*	*Cha. Chauncy.*

THE committee of both houſes appointed to take into conſideration the letter from the committee of correſpondence of the town of Hatfield, incloſing an intercepted letter from one Eliſha Allis, jun. to Major Gray of Stockbridge, have enquired into the contents of ſaid letter, and are of opinion that there is juſt ground to ſuſpect that ſome perſons in the weſtern parts of this colony are forming a confederacy to injure the currency and credit of the Continental Bills, and beg leave to report, that the council be deſired to take ſuch meaſures reſpecting the ſaid Eliſha Allis, jun. as they ſhall judge neceſſary for the ſafety of the community, and for the ſupport of the Continental currency: the ſaid committee alſo beg leave to report the following reſolve.

In Council, Jan. 31ſt, 1776

Whereas the General Court have receiv'd ſuch information as that there is reaſon to apprehend that a confederacy is forming by ſome evil minded perſons in this and other colonies which may injure the credit of the Continental Bills and the Bills of this and the other colonies.

Therefore, *Reſolved*, That it be recommended to the committees of inſpection and correſpondence in all the towns in this colony, to make ſtrict enquiry in their ſeveral towns, and if they ſhall find any perſons within the ſame, endeavouring by any way whatever, to prevent the credit of the Continental Bills, or the Bills of this or any other of the united colonies of America, or to alter or counterfeit the ſame, that they cauſe ſuch perſons to be arreſted and ſecured, and give information thereof to this court, in order that ſuch perſon may be proceeded with according to the juſt demerit of ſuch high crimes and miſdemeanours; and that this reſolve be publiſhed in all the news papers in this colony.

Sent down for concurrence.
JOHN LOWELL, dep. Sec. pro. tem.

In the Houſe of Repreſentatives, Feb. 1. 1776.
Read and concur'd. Sent up.
J. WARREN, Speaker.

Conſented to

W. Sever,	S. Holten,	W. Spooner,
Moſes Gill,	Caleb Cuſhing,	B. Lincoln,
T. Cuſhing,	Jed. Foſter,	John Whetcomb,
J. Winthrop,	James Preſcott,	Elisha Taylor,
M. Farley,	Jabez Fiſher,	John Taylor.

In the Houſe of Repreſentatives, Feb. 2d. 1776.

WHEREAS the law of this colony directs the reſpective ſheriffs to make return of the executions to them committed, into the office from whence they iſſued at a certain time; and as a number of ſheriffs aforeſaid hath omitted and been neceſſarily prevented making return of ſuch executions as enjoined on them ſo to do, to *Harriſon Gray*, late treaſurer of ſaid colony, from whom ſuch executions iſſued, and by reaſon thereof the preſent treaſurer *Henry Gardner*, Eſq; is impeded in collecting the ſeveral ſums of money outſtanding in ſundry conſtables hands within ſaid colony; and as it is abſolutely neceſſary ſome proper directions ſhould be immediately given to thoſe ſheriffs to recover of ſuch delinquent conſtables their reſpective proportions, and pay the ſame to ſaid *Henry Gardner*, as treaſurer aforeſaid.

Therefore Reſolved, That the reſpective ſheriffs aforeſaid be, and they are hereby directed to make true and juſt returns of the executions delivered them by the ſaid Harriſon Gray with the ſeveral ſums of money by them collected by virtue of ſaid executions to ſaid *Henry Gardner*, receiver general, on or before the firſt day of *April* next; and the ſaid receiver general is hereby empowered & directed to iſſue execution or executions on the reſpective delinquent conſtables within ſaid colony, for ſuch ſums as they ſhall be found in arrear by ſaid returns, as by law the ſaid receiver general or treaſurer is impowered to do; and the reſpective ſheriffs ſo making return and paying what money they ſhall have in their hands, ſhall thereupon be diſcharged.

And it is further Reſolved That all ſheriffs and deputy ſheriffs who may have in their hands any of the money belonging to this colony, recovered by actions againſt perſons for ſumadue for exciſe, or for lands ſold or in any other way, immediately pay in ſuch monies to *Henry Gardner*, Eſq; treaſurer; and whereas in ſome inſtances ſuch monies have not been levied, and the executions remain unſatisfied in the hands of ſuch officers: It is further ordered, that ſuch ſheriffs and deputies cauſe return of ſuch executions immediately, into the offices of the courts in the counties from whence they iſſued, that proper meaſures may be taken to recover the debts owing to this colony; and that this reſolve be publiſhed in the Cambridge and Watertown papers.

Sent up for concurrence.
J. WARREN, Speaker.

In Council, Feb. 2. Read and concur'd.
PEREZ MORTON, Dep'y. Sec'ry.

Conſented to,

W. Sever,	James Preſcot,	B. Lincoln,
W. Spooner,	John Taylor,	B. White,
Caleb Cuſhing,	Michael Farley,	Jed. Foſter,
J. Winthrop,	S. Holton,	Elisha Taylor,
John Whetcomb,	Moſes Gill,	Jabez Fiſher,

In the Houſe of Repreſentatives, February 8. 1776.

WHEREAS by a reſolve of the General Court, paſſed 19th of Dec. laſt, all officers and ſoldiers who were on the 19th of *April*, and 17th of *June* laſt were engaged in battle with the minute-men and troops, and ſuffered loſs of cloathing, arms and accoutrements ſhould upon application made to the General Court, with ſufficient evidence of their having ſuſtained ſuch loſs, be compenſated; and whereas the delaying to exhibit ſaid accounts may give occaſion for frauds and impoſitions:

RESOLVED. That all officers and ſoldiers who ſuſtain'd any loſs of cloathing, fire-arms, ammunition, &c. by being engag'd in battle with the minuteman and troops, on the 19th of *April*, and 17th of *June* laſt, be hereby notified, that unleſs they ſhall exhibit a particular account of their loſſes to this Court, on or before the ſecond *Tueſday* of the next ſitting of the ſame, they will be deprived of the benefit of compenſation, and that this reſolve be printed in the Watertown, and Cambridge news papers, three weeks ſucceſſively. Sent up for Concurrence.

J. WARREN, Speaker.

In Council, February 12, 1776. Read and Concurred
Perez Morton, D. p. Sec'ry.

Conſented to

B. Greenleaf,	Jed. Foſter,	Jabez Fiſher,
W. Spooner,	J. Palmer,	B. White,
T. Cuſhing,	John Taylor,	Benjamin Lincoln,
Caleb Cuſhing,	Elisha Taylor,	Moſes Gill,
John Whetcomb,	S. Holten,	Michael Farley.

From laſt Thurſday's Boſton paper, and from ſome Engliſh papers brought in a veſſel from London, which arrived at Cape Cod laſt week, we have the following advices, viz.

DUBLIN, *November* 14.

IRISH HOUSE OF COMMONS, *Thurſday Nov.* 23.

SIR John Blaquiere preſented to the houſe a meſſage from his Excellency, ſignifying that "he had his Maj'ſty's commands to acquaint the houſe, that as the preſent exigences of affairs required ſending an additional number of troops to America, he had the firmeſt reliance on the loyalty of his faithful Commons of Ireland to admit his ſending abroad a number of the troops on this eſtabliſhment, not exceeding 4000 men, which ſhall no longer continue a charge on this kingdom, but be immediately on their leaving the ſame, *in the pay of Great-Britain.*

"And to ſhew his majeſty's gracious regard for the ſafety and defence of this kingdom, if the garriſonment ſhall deſire it he will replace the ſaid 4000 men with an equal number of foreign proteſtants (Subjects of the Prince of Brunſwick and the Prince of Heſſe Caſſel) to be continued here, *in the pay of Great-Britain*, as ſoon as his Majeſty ſhall be enabled to ſend them by his Parliament of Ireland."

Sir John Blaquiere moved, that the Houſe do on Saturday next reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take his Excellency's meſſage into conſideration.

Saturday, November 25.

The Houſe was called over, and reſolved into a Committee to take into conſideration his Excellency's meſſage, and the inſtruction to conſider on the beſt mode of defence for this kingdom. Mr. Malone in the chair.

The order for going into the committee, his Excellency's meſſage, and the order for the inſtruction were read.

Sir Archibald Acheſon aroſe, and made many eulogiums on his Majeſty, whom, he ſaid, we ought to look upon as the father of a much favoured people, and then propoſed to offer two reſolutions, but they not being put into proper form, were handed to Mr. Vice-Treaſurer; and as they took ſome time to arrange, Mr. Ogle ſaid the committee had better adjourn till the reſolutions were drawn. At length they were produced in ſubſtance as follows:

"1. Reſolved, that it is the opinion of this committee, that in the preſent exigency of affairs, a number of troops not exceeding four thouſand, out of the number of twelve thouſand, voted as neceſſary to be kept in Ireland for the defence thereof, be ſpared for his Majeſty's ſervice abroad, provided that from their quitting this kingdom they ſhall be of no charge to the nation."

"2. Reſolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a number of foreign proteſtant troops, not exceeding four thouſand, be received into this kingdom to replace the like number ſent abroad, for the ſecurity and defence thereof, provided they ſhall be of no charge to the nation."

LONDON.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Saturday November 18.

ON Thurſday, about half an hour after three o'clock, Mr. Burke opened his conciliatory propoſition. He began by preſenting a petition from the gentlemen, clergy, clothiers, manufacturers, and other inhabitants of the ſeveral towns of *Weſtbury, Warminſter*, and *Trowbridge*, and the neighbourhood thereof, in the county of *Wilts*, complaining of the addreſs of theſe places, which had entirely miſrepreſented the ſtate of the trade, and the ſentiments, and wiſhes of the inhabitants, and praying the houſe to find ſome amicable method for terminating the differences between this kingdom and the colonies. He told the houſe, that the ſigners of that petition were all men who manufactured for themſelves; and he was authorized to ſay, that they poſſeſſed more than 500,000l. of Engliſh property.

He ſaid, that he wiſhed the prayer of that petition to be conſidered as the exordium of what he had to ſay to the houſe. He complained of the difficulties which in civil wars lay upon moderate men, who adviſed lenient meaſures; that their moderation was attributed to a want of zeal, and their fears for the public ſafety, to a want of ſpirit; that whatever they ſaid, to incline the houſe to lenity, was conſtrued into a countenance of rebellion; and ſo many arts, and ſo many menaces had been uſed, that if they had not been oppoſed with a good ſhare of firmneſs by the friends to the peace of their country, all freedom of debate, and indeed all public deliberation, would have been put to an end.

He ſaid, that for his part he was no way intimidated by all theſe machinations from doing his duty; and that nothing that could be done by thoſe, whoſe meaſures had brought this country into ſo deplorable a ſituation, ſhould hinder him from uſing his beſt endeavours to deliver it from its diſtreſſes. (5)

The firſt ſtep for this purpoſe, was to get out of general diſcourſes, and vague ſentiments, which he ſaid had been one of the main cauſes of our troubles; and to appreciate the value of the ſeveral plans that were, or might be propoſed, by an exact detail of particulars.

The ſpeech was ſo very methodical, that it was not difficult to form a juſt idea of the outlines.

He ſtated, that there were three plans afloat. Firſt, ſimple war, in order to a perfect conqueſt. Second, a mixture of war and treaty. And third, peace grounded on conceſſion.

As to the firſt plan, that of mere war, he obſerved, that it was propoſed in two ways; one *direct*, the other, the other *indirect* by diſtreſs. In either of theſe ways he ſaid, he thought it his duty before he voted for war, to know diſtinctly that the means of carrying it on were adequate to the end. It did not ſatisfy his conſcience to ſay, that the reſources of this nation were great; he muſt ſee them. That before he could truſt to thoſe reſources, on the credit of what had been formerly done, he muſt find the ſituation of the country to be, what it formerly was. He then examined what the miniſters had laid before the houſe as the means of carrying on the enſuing campaign. That as to the force which they had made the houſe expect from his Majeſty's allies, all diſcourſe of that had, for ſome time, entirely ſubſided: he could, therefore, take credit for nothing more on that account, than a handful of Hanoverians, which only anſwered the purpoſe of an imperfect ſecurity to ſome of our foreign garriſons. That our national forces to be employed in America, by the account on the table, amounted to no more than 26 000 men: that in this, credit was taken for the army now in America at full numbers. This he could not allow; as ſuppoſing that if their reduction in future was to be eſtimated by the paſt, they muſt be reduced to little or nothing, by the beginning of next campaign. That the troops here are only upon paper, and the difficulty of recruiting was acknowledged. On the whole, he ſaw reaſon to apprehend that we ſhould not be very materially ſtronger at the beginning of the next year than we were at the beginning of the laſt; but that if the number were entire, it did not ſeem to him to be ſufficient for the purpoſe. That as to the predatory, or warfare (the nature of which he greatly enlarged) he obſerved, that might irritate a people in the higheſt degree; but ſuch a war never yet induced any one people to receive the government of other. That it was a kind of war to diſtreſs an independant people, and not to coerce diſobedient ſubjects.

But his great objection to it was, that it did not lead to a deciſion; that the longer the war continued, the greater chance there was for the interpoſition of the Bourbon powers, which, long proteſtant war, he conſidered not only probable, but manner certain. That he was very ſure that this country utterly incapable of carrying on a war with America, and powers acting in conjunction. He then entered into a long particular enumeration of all the dangers and difficulties which muſt attend ſuch a war.

He then obſerved that, as he ſaw no probability of ſucceſs in detail of any of the arrangements that were propoſed, neither he ſee any thing of authority to induce him to believe that they would ſucceed, not one military or naval officer having given opinion in its favour; and many of the greateſt in both ſervices having given their opinion directly againſt it.

That as no man of military experience had vouched for the ſufficiency of the force, ſo no man in the commiſſariats was anſwer for its ſubſiſtance from the moment it left the ſea-ſide; that therefore its ſubſiſtance and its operation were become incompatible.

To the objection, that at this time the Americans might eaſily reduce us to unreaſonable terms by the ſuppoſed impoſſibility reducing them by force, he ſaid that he could not help the difficulties which aroſe from nature and the conſtitution of things; that he could not make *America nearer to us than it is*, or create of another nature than what God had made it. That parliament cannot contrive to reconcile their quarrels, muſt ſuffer the evil that happen to a divided nation. That he was of opinion, that there was no diſhonor at all in any kind of amicable adjuſtment of domeſtic quarrels; and that he would rather heal on diſputed points, when it was Engliſhmen that gave and received, than a ſingle point to a foreign nation; and that we were in ſuch circumſtances that we muſt yield to either one or the other. (4)

[Mr. Burke ſpoke for three hours and a half, and was liſtened to with a moſt profound and uninterrupted attention. The motion made by Mr. Burke was, "That leave be given to bring in a bill to compoſe the preſent troubles, and for quieting the minds of his Maj'ſty's ſubjects in America." (4)

Mr. Burke then read to the houſe a bill which he had prepared with ſuch proviſions and regulations as he judged equal to the attainment of this moſt deſirable end, which we hope will be made public, as never could general curioſity be excited by deſire, a greater intereſts.]

Colony of the Maſſachuſetts-Bay, ESSEX, ſs.

AT the court erected to try and condemn all veſſels that ſhall be found infeſting the ſea coaſt of America and brought into the counties of *Suffolk, Middleſex* or *Eſſex*, to be held at *Ipſwich* in the ſaid county of *Eſſex*, on Tueſday the firſt day of *March*, 1776, at the hour of ten in the forenoon, will be tried the juſtice of the capture of a ſhip called the *Jenny*, burthen about two hundred tons, commanded by *William Wood*; and of a brigantine called the *Naily*, burthen about one hundred and eighty tons, commanded by *John Robinſon*. At the ſame court to be held at *Ipſwich* aforeſaid, on Friday the 29th day of *March*, 1776, at the hour of nine in the forenoon, will be tried the juſtice of the capture of the ſloop called the *Rainbow*, burthen about fifty tons, commanded by *Samuel Perkins*. All which veſſels, ſaid to be improved in ſupplying the fleet and army employed againſt the United Colonies, and taken and brought into the county of Eſſex aforeſaid, together with their cargoes and appurtenances, are libelled in the court aforeſaid, and will be tried at the times above mentioned. Of which trials this notice is given, purſuant to the laws of the colony aforeſaid, that the owners of the aforeſaid veſſels, or any perſons concerned therein, may appear and ſhew cauſe, if any they have, why the ſaid veſſels, or any of them, with their cargoes and appurtenances, ſhould not be condemned.

TIMOTHY PICKERING, jun. *Judge of ſaid Court.*

To be ſold by Doc. ZECHARIAH HARVEY, of Weſtminſter, in the county of Worceſter, the FARM he now lives on, which is ſituated in the middle of the town, near the Meeting Houſe, lies on the great road that leads from Boſton to Deerfield, and is well ſituated for public buſineſs of any ſort. Said farm has a large New Houſe on it, almoſt finiſhed, with five fine chambers. On the farm is a good young orchard of about 180 trees, two barns, and a ſhop ſuitable for a trader. The land all under good improvement, well fenced, and excellent land for mowing, and paſturage, well watered in every part; a good place for a corn-mill or fulling-mill. Said Harvey has alſo 400 acres of other lands in town to ſell, very good and ſuitable for ſettlements, and will be ſold to ſuch perſons as will ſuit the purchaſers. All which will be ſold very cheap for caſh or ſhort credit. Any perſon inclining to purchaſe, by applying to ſaid Harvey, will be well uſed in the affair.

Deſerted from the Continental Army ſome time in January laſt, Moſes Abbot, of Pepperellborough: He is about 5 feet 10 inches high, well ſet. Whoever takes up ſaid deſerter, and brings him to Camp, ſhall be well rewarded, and all neceſſary charges paid by me,

NATHAN WATKINS, Capt. in Col. Phinn's Regt.

SAMUEL & HENRY WILLIAMS of Salem, have for ſale, Nutmegs, Cinnamon, Cloves and Mace by the pound or leſs quantity. Alſo, Copperas, White Lincens, Check do. &c. &c. &c.

LOST, two ſetts of Dutch bills of exchange, ſuppoſed to be dropped out of a pocket book; one is drawn for 650 guilders, thirteen weeks ſight: The other, as near as can be recollected, is for 153 guilders and 14 divers, drawn at ſix weeks ſight. Whoever finds ſaid bills, and gives notice to the Printer hereof, or to Benjamin Willis, of Haverhill, ſo that the right owner may have the bills, ſhall have ſix dollars reward by

Haverhill, 26th Feb. 1776. BENJAMIN WILLIS.

TAKEN up in Marlborough, between Cyprian How's and Joel Brigham's, a ſum of paper money, on the 18th of Feb. 1776. The owner may have it again, by applying to either of the above places, deſcribing the ſame, and paying charges.

Whereas Phebe, wife of the ſubſcriber, has without juſt cauſe, denied my bed and board: This is therefore to forbid all perſons harbouring or truſting her on my account, as I am determined not to pay any debt ſhe may contract after the date hereof.

Amherſt, Feb. 26, 1776. WILLIAM CRAY.

Ran away from the ſubſcriber, on the 24th of February, a Negro fellow, named Jack, of a ſmall ſtature, has loſt his upper teeth; had on when he went away, a blue coat, with large white buttons. Whoever will take up ſaid Negro, and convey him to the ſubſcriber in Stoneham, ſhall have three dollars reward. JOSEPH BRIANT, jun.

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(6) ſee Manſfield, page 836

(7) ſee index, under Men of War

◇ ſee index, under Army British ‖ ſee pa. 859. × See reſolve for making Money, pa. 887. ‖ See the ſame Committee, pa. 1087. (1) See pa. 609. † See index, under Army of the United Colonies (2) Battle at Lexington, pa. 728, &c. (3) pa. 754, Battle at Bunker hill. ▲ See index, under Army British. ‖ Army of the U.

LONDON, November 21.

THE Government plan of Negociation with America is to be conducted in the following manner: Thirty six commissioners are to be sent to America, vested with ample powers to treat for peace, or push on a War to the utmost Extremity. Each of these Commissioners will have 4000l. allotted as a Douceur for transacting the Business.

The leading Commissioner nominated for the American Negociation is Lord Howe. The Honorable Captain Barrington, and Mr. Secretary Pownall, of the Plantation Office, are also among the number of Commissioners.

Nov. 28. Between three and four o'clock Mr. Oliver rose, and in a very concise, pertinent speech, introduced his motion; the purport of which was, that an humble address be presented to his Majesty, that he would be graciously pleased to communicate to this House who were the advisers of the ruinous measures which had been and were still pursued against America, &c.

He was seconded by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, and supported by Mr. Wilkes and Mr. Hayley: These gentlemen declared that they supported the motion, not only from their own Conviction of the necessity, expediency and justice of calling those to an account, who had involved their country in a civil war; but because they had solemnly engaged to follow implicitly, the instructions that had or should be given them by their constituents. *see index, under instructions*

Lord Shelburne and Colonel Barre are talked of as two of the Commissioners intended to be sent by Government to America to treat with the Congress.

Dec. 1. The ministers have determined to commence the next campaign in America by an attack on the southern colonies. Seven regiments, of 600 men each, are to go in April, under the command of Earl Cornwallis, to South-Carolina. It is worthy of note, that this noble Lord was one of memorable minority of five, in the house of Lords, on the question some time ago, that the British parliament had no right to tax the colonies. Ten more regiments are to go in a month afterwards to Virginia.

A 90 gun ship is ordered to be fitted up with all speed in the most commodious manner for the reception of the commissioners, who soon after Christmas are to embark for America, to settle the terms for a reconciliation between them and England.

Dec. 6. Most of the American governors will be appointed Commissioners, and the reason of sending so many Commissioners (36) to America, is, to treat with each province separately about an accommodation, and to dispatch the business: —they are not now to treat with the Congress, as was first reported.

A plan is now under consideration, for all criminals in Great-Britain, sentenced for transportation, to be sent to the British settlements on the coast of Africa.

Mr. Glover has formed a calculation upon undoubted authority of the national loss for the present year owing to the American quarrel, and he makes it twenty-seven millions sterling. (2)

Gov. Cornwallis is making the necessary preparations for the spring campaign, to go to Virginia with 5000 men.

Dec. 8. In pursuance of an advertisement for a meeting of the West-India merchants at the London tavern, a very numerous and opulent assembly met yesterday. Administration, through their emissaries, hoped for a petition in conformity to what the minister had thrown out in the House lately, that he expected an application for bounties from *Nova-Scotia*, Canada, and both Floridas, and the regions of Nova-Zembla; yet no sooner was this business opened by Mr. Edwards and Mr. Walker, than the attention of all present was engaged by the alarming danger of the Colonies from the purport of the bill now pending in Parliament, which denounces famine, and utter destruction to 500,000 of his Majesty's quiet subjects, concerned in the West-Indies.——A bill which inflicts the same punishment alike on the innocent subjects of the islands, as was in mockery of human woes held forth to the interested, yet infatuated landed interests of Britain, as a measure that would reduce America into subjugation; but which failing hitherto of that effect in America, the ministry now aim by this bill to make it compleat, by totally alienating the sense of our legislative justice in all the colonies.

Should the consequence of the present ruinous measures of Ministry, be the loss of the whole Continent of America, the West-India Islands must of course fall to the Americans, the property of which, from the evidence at the London tavern yesterday, both of Mr. Walker and Mr. Edwards, is proved to be no less than SIXTY MILLIONS. —*What a stake do these desperate gamblers play for!*

Lord Cornwallis, who goes out commander of the troops, is to resign the command when at Williamsburg (if ever they arrive there) to General Clinton; and is either to act under that officer, or command a detachment, as the exigency of affairs may require.

Dec. 20. Yesterday the House of Lords received the report from their Committee of the amendments made to the American prohibitory Bill, which were agreed to, they consist of exceptions from confiscation of such vessels bound from America, two thirds of whose cargoes are the property of subjects of Great-Britain or Ireland; and some explanatory words added with respect to empowering the king to delegate his prerogative of pardoning to commissioners.

We hear that the Earl of Dunmore is to fill up the vacancy of one of the fifteen Scots Peers, on account of his spirited behaviour in America. (5)

Yesterday morning set out Lord Cornwallis and Lord Chewton for North-America; the latter Aid de camp to Lord Cornwallis.

To-morrow his Majesty will go in state to the House of Peers, and give the royal assent to the Bill to prohibit all intercourse of trade with the American Colonies, &c.

NEW-LONDON, *March* 1.

We hear that about One Hundred and Ninety Cannon, of various Sizes, have been taken from Fort George in New-York, and that Part of the Fort next to the City is demolished.

Numbers of Cannon are mounted on different Wharves in that City.

We learn that all the Cannon near Kingsbridge, which had been spiked, are now cleared, and fit for Use.

We have Accounts from New-York as late as last Sunday, which say, That the Mercury Man of War having General Clinton on Board, is taken by our Fleet from Philadelphia. *False!*

CAMBRIDGE, March 6.

A London paper of Dec. 9, says, "In the House of Commons of Ireland, on Monday, November 27 the committee of the whole House sat till half past eleven, on the question of admitting 4000 Hessian and Brunswick troops, when at length the committee divided; ayes for admitting the troops 68, noes 106. Majority against admitting the foreign troops 38. (8)

We are informed that 600 Georgian troops had marched for St. Augustine, to reduce that important place to the obedience of the UNITED COLONIES.

On the 12th ult. a Schooner from Hingham, bound to Williamsburg for a load of Corn, was taken by a Tender and carried into Norfolk.

We hear that JACOB RUSH, Esq; is appointed Secretary to the President of the CONGRESS.

A few days since, the YANKEY-HERO sent into *Newbury-Port* another prize, a fine Brig, of about 200 tons burthen, laden with Coal, Cheese, &c. bound from *White-Haven*, for the use of the ministerial Butchers, under the command of General Howe, governor of Boston. This is the fifth prize out of eight which sailed from the above Port, and we are in hopes of giving a good account of the three remaining. (6)

In the vessel which arrived at Cape-Cod last week from London, came passengers, Capt. Samuel Carlton, Capt. John Battin, and Mr. Samuel Bacon, of Salem, Capt. Holmes of Ipswich, Capt. Wyer of Cape-Ann, Capt. Nutter and Capt. Shores of Portsmouth, Capt. Smallcorn of Kittery, Capt. Hitch of Old-York, and John Greenough, Esq; of Wellfleet.

The Continental Army, assisted by a large body of Militia, are now carrying on the siege of Boston with great vigor. Last Saturday night our artillery at the fortresses of Cobble-Hill *and* Lechmere's-Point, *below this town, and at* Lamb's-Dam *in* Roxbury, *bombarded and cannonaded the town; the following night the same was continued with great briskness; and the whole of Monday night the artillery from all the above fortresses played incessantly. Our shot and shells were heard to make a great crashing in the town, but we have not learnt any particulars of the execution done thereby. The enemy returned the fire, from their batteries at* West-Boston, *and from their lines on the Neck, very vigorously. They threw many shells into the battery at* Lechmere's-Point, *one into the fort on* Prospect-Hill, *and one or two as far up as fort No. 2, within a quarter of a mile of the College. On Monday night we had two killed. Lieut. Mayo at* Roxbury, *by a cannon ball; and a man at* Lechmere's Point *by a shell, which, with one or two wounded, is all the loss, of any consequence, that we have sustained. We have had but little firing since Tuesday morning.* (8)

On Monday night a body of the Continental troops took possession of two large hills at Dorchester, about a mile from the south part of Boston, where they are now strongly fortified.—These are two of the heights which General Burgoyne said, in a letter to a noble Lord, commanded the town of Boston, and which, he also said, it was absolutely necessary the British troops should be possessed of. *Which frightened them away.*

Yesterday was the anniversary of Preston's massacre, in King-Street, Boston, 1770, when Gray, Maverick, Caldwell, Carr and Attucks, were cruelly murdered by a band of ruffians, sent hither by George, the brutal tyrant of Britain, in order to execute his infernal plans for enslaving a free people. An Oration, to commemorate this event, and to impress upon our minds the fatal tendency of standing armies being posted in populous cities, in time of peace, was pronounced, at the meeting-house in Watertown, by the Rev. Mr. Thatcher of Malden, preceded by a prayer by the Rev. Doctor Cooper. *See indexes, under Standing Ar.*

DIED.] At Danvers, last Sabbath, Mr. WILLIAM POOL, of that place. His death is a great loss to the Town in which he lived, and much lamented by his numerous friends and acquaintance;—to his bereaved family, consisting of a widow and 7 or 8 children, it is inexpressibly distressing. He was son to Mr. Zechariah Pool of Medford, whose death was mentioned in our last. (11)

——At Stoneham, Mrs. Osgood, the virtuous consort of Mr. John Fisk Osgood, of Boston.

——At Rowley, the 26th ult. Mrs. Mighill, widow of Captain Nathaniel Mighill, in her 93d year.——And, not long since, Mrs. Gage, widow of Mr. William Gage, in her 92d year.——And at her Son's house in Boxford, Mrs. Adams, widow of Mr. Isaac Adams, of said Rowley, in her 91st year.——There is yet living, in the said town of Rowley, twenty persons who are 80 years old and upward; one or two of them above 90, and a number more not much short of it.

——At Falmouth, last Thursday, David Wyer, jun. Esq; Attorney at Law.

——At Boston, Capt. James Clement, formerly clerk of the market.—Mrs. Gould, wife of Mr. Robert Gould, merchant.—Mrs. Elizabeth Kneeland, aged 77, widow of the late Mr. Joseph Kneeland, housewright, deceased.

Wednesday the 21st ult. left this life, in hopes of a better, Mr. *Samuel Goodridge*, of Beverly, Quarter-master of the 27th regiment of foot, in the Continental Army. (5) Through his life he was employed in various public trusts; and the last, though troublesome, he accomplished to universal satisfaction.—— We can say of him with Horace.——

"*The man resolv'd, and steady to his trust,*
"*Inflexible to ills, and obstinately just,*
"*May the rude rabble's insolence despise,*
"*Their senseless clamours and tumultuous cries.*"

LIST of Letters in the Post-Office, Cambridge, March 7th.

(A) Dr. William Annin, George Armstrong.

(B) Benj. Bridgett, Roxbury. William Bandy, John Boies, David Bruce two, Woburn, Sarah Brown, Ebenezer Bardsley, Roxbury. John Brown, Esq; Cælia Bayle, Elizabeth Briant, Mary Bradley, Medford, Sarah Braidstreet, Woburn, Jonathan Brown, Westminster.

(C) Asa Cook, Watertown, Doctor Samuel Cooper. Waltham, Josiah Cary, Weston, James Carter, Haverhill, Isaiah Coburn, Mrs. Collings, Weymouth, Edward Corns, David Covey.

(D) Ebenezer Davis, Charlton, Jothar Drury, Roxbury, Capt. Mark Dennett, Boston, Edward Durant, Samuel Danforth, Malden,

(E) Mrs. Ebenezer.

(F) Jonathan Frost, Elizabeth Farmer, Captain Gustavus Fellows, Ebenezer Flagg.

(G) Benj. Green, Hannah Gardner, Daniel Goodsell, Roxbury, William Green, Benjamin Greenwood, Bolton, Henry Gardner, Esq; Watertown, Thomas Gould, Roxbury, William Green.

(H) Green & Husband, Boston, Shubeel on Hutchinson, Pomfret, Samuel Hunt, Robert Harris, John Holland, Mr. Ezekiel Hamant, Hopkinton.

(I) Abijah Jackson, Levi Jennins.

(K) Benj. Kirkam, Timothy Knap, Joseph Kelley, Gen. Knox.

(L) Eli Leverpsworth, Roxbury, John Lublin, Roxbury, Lieut. Robert Lewis, Roxbury.

(M) Charles Miller, George Measures, Boston, Peter Mansfield.

(N) Mary Newell, Waltham.

(O) Azor Orne, Esq; Watertown.

(P) Edward Parry, Sturbridge, Israel Porter, Joseph Palmer, Esq; Watertown, Thomas Parker, Malden, Joseph Payson, Rev. Joseph Perry, Roxbury.

(R) Doc. Peter Roberts 2. Rev. Chandler Robbins, Plymouth.

(S) Thomas Stammell, Esq; Boston, William Smith, Major Edmund Soper, Braintree, David Sessions two, John Sibert, jun. Plymouth.

(T) John Steel Tyler, Roxbury, James Twing, Willmington.

(U) Stephen Upton.

(W) Elizabeth Whittington, Aquila White, William Williams, Elizabeth Wilson three, Malden, John Winship, James Wetherell, Uriel Wilber two, Roxbury, James Williams.

(Y) John Yeats.

To be SOLD or LET, and entered upon immediately,

A Farm in the second parish in Mendon, about half a mile from the Rev. Mr. Frost's meeting-house, 30 miles from Cambridge, on the new post-road from Cambridge to Hartford, containing about one hundred acres of chance land, well proportioned for mowing, pasturing, orcharding, tillage and wood land, and is fenced in fifteen seperate inclosures, chiefly with good stone wall, with two dwelling houses thereon; one a large house, 5 rooms on a floor (almost new) with a large shop, barn, warehouse, chaise house, granary, two good wells, &c. together with works for the manufacturing of pot-ash and salt-petre; very commodious for a private gentleman or trader. A tavern has been kept at said place for almost 20 years past. Any person inclining to purchase or hire the above, may know the terms by applying to WILLIAM JENNISON, of said town, owner of the premises. Mendon, Feb. 22.

To be sold by THOMAS HARRIS & Comp.

At their shop opposite the South College in Cambridge.

Silk handkerchiefs, linnen do. blue narrow baize, half thick, velvit, mens worsted hose, black and green calamance, thread per pound, wide and narrow bindings, superfine white drilling serge, red plush, shallioons, ivory combs per dozen, buckle brushes per dozen; chest, desk, table and trunk locks; files; chest, desk and table hinges; wood screws, brass nails, brass knobs, brass cocks, brass ink-pots, sealing wax and wafers per pound, plated shoe and knee buckles, pinchbeck do. sleeve buttons of most sorts by the card, shoe and knee buckles, shapes and tongues by the dozen, fiddle-strings of all sorts, jack-knives and razors per dozen, shoemakers knives, pincers and rippers, best stamped awl blades and shoe tacks per gross or dozen, taphorers, spike gimblets, smaller do. pins, white chapel and common needles by the hundred, barbers hair-pins, pewter and tin ware, China snuff-boxes, tobacco do. womens black silk mitts, black sprig'd satin, black alamode, black blond lace, worsted and silk knee garters, nankeens, damasons, cambrick, black cravats, black jeans ---Cinnamon, nutmegs, mace and cloves, Jamaica spirit by the hogshead, loaf sugar and coffee per hundred, &c. &c. &c.

Cambridge, March 5 1776.

LOST, yesterday, a pocket-book, containing twenty-one dollars in paper money, and several notes, one of ten pounds, two of four pounds odd shillings, and one of forty shillings, with several other papers of value. Any person having found said pocket book, and shall deliver it, with the money and papers, to the Printer hereby, or to the subscriber at Natick, shall be intitled to a reward of ten dollars, paid by me,

JOHN McGRAH.

To be sold, a Farm in Wrentham, containing about one hundred acres, well wooded, with a suitable proportion of tillage, pasturage and mowing, with a dwelling-house and barn, half a mile from Mr. Mann's tavern. Said farm will be sold together or in parts, as may best suit the purchaser. For further particulars, inquire of Mr. Mann, or of Mr. James Fisher, of said Wrentham.

Whereas we the subscribers have been heretofore appointed commissioners to receive and examine the claims of the creditors of the estate of Martha Whipple, late of Ipswich, deceased; and not being able to adjust the claims in the time appointed for that purpose, the Hon. Benjamin Greenleaf, Esq; Judge of the probate of wills for the county of Essex, has allowed a further time of five months, from the 6th of February 1776, to the creditors of said estate to bring in and prove their claims; accordingly this is to give notice to said creditors, that we the subscribers will attend that business on the second Tuesday of this and the four following months, from three of the clock to six in the afternoon, at the house of Mr. George Adams, innholder, in Ipswich. Feb. 6, 1776.

JOSEPH APPLETON, ELISHA WHITNEY, Commissioners.

To be sold, the rigging and sails of a brigt. of about 150 tons, with cables and anchors and boat, one new 13 inch cable, with a parcel of junk, and a copper stove. Inquire of Daniel Parker, or Capt. Edward Jarvis, at Salem, opposite the Friends Meeting-House.

An advertisement in the next page, respecting an Oration, was inserted thro' mistake.

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In the House of Representatives, Feb. 7, 1776.

RESOLVED, That Dr. John Greenleaf, be joined to the Committee appointed to receive, examine, and pay for all good and merchantable SALT PETRE as the Rate hereafter established by this Court, that may be manufactured in this Colony; and that there be paid to the said Committee, out of the Treasury of this Colony, the Sum of Fourteen Hundred Pounds, to enable them to pay for the same, they to be accountable to this Court for the Money they or either of them shall receive: And Mr. Jedediah Phips is directed to attend at Watertown, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each Month for that Purpose, until the 4th Day of June next, and to advertise this Order for his Attendance, in the Watertown and Cambridge News-Papers, three Weeks successively.

Sent up for Concurrence,

J. WARREN, Speaker.

In Council, Feb 9. Read and Concurr'd.

PEREZ MORTON, Dep. Sec'y.

Consented to by the major Part of the Council.

A true Copy, Attest. PEREZ MORTON, Dep. Sec.

THIS is to give public Notice, That agreeable to the above Resolve, I shall attend said Business at Watertown, at the House of Mr. Stephen Harris, near the Bridge, on the Days mentioned in the above Resolve; and it will be expected that the Salt Petre brought for Inspection be sufficiently purified from brimstonyous Salts and Filth; also, that it be perfectly dry.

Watertown, Feb. 10. JEDEDIAH PHIPS.

THE Freeholders and other Inhabitants who were Inhabitants, of *Boston*, in March last, are hereby Notified that agreeable to their Voice in a Town Meeting legally assembled on the 8th of said Month, an ORATION will be delivered at the Meeting-House in *Watertown*, on the 5th of *March* next, at 11 o'clock Forenoon, to commemorate the horrid Massacre perpetrated in *Boston*, on the evening of the 5th of *March*, 1770, by a Party of Soldiers of the 29th Regiment, under the Command of Capt. Thomas Preston, and to impress upon our Minds the ruinous Tendency of Standing Armies being placed in large and populous Cities, in Time of Peace, and the necessity of such Exertions as the Inhabitants of *Boston* then manifested, whereby the Designs of the Conspirators against the public Safety, have been frustrated. WILLIAM COOPER,

Watertown, Feb. 10. (Town Clerk of *Boston*.

FALMOUTH, February 12 1776.

WHEREAS the great and general court of this colony, have passed an act requiring all persons who have in their custody any goods that were taken and carried away from any of the inhabitants of the town of Falmouth, at the time of the late fire there, to deposit the same with the Selectmen of said town, on or before the first day of April next, to the end that the owner or owners thereof may again recover them.

And that no person may plead ignorance of said act, NOTICE is hereby given thereof: And all persons having such goods in their possession, are accordingly notified to deposite the same with the Selectmen of this town as aforesaid, on pain of being proceeded against, as in and by said act is directed.

ALL persons having any demands on, or are indebted to the estate of Mr. NATHANIEL DAVIS, late of Roxbury, deceased, are desired to bring in their accounts to LYDIA DAVIS, executrix, and AARON DAVIS, executor, to the last will of the deceased, in order for a settlement.

GLASS WARE.

A Quantity of Glass ware is to be sold at ISAAC WHITE's shop in Haverhill----among which are a very elegant assortment of decanters of every size; wine, cyder and beer glasses; tumblers, cruets, candlesticks, water-bottles, &c. &c. all best double flint.

ALSO,

An assortment of cream colour'd ware, among which are tureens; a few dozen chairs; wash-basons and bottles with a variety of other articles,

*** Said White has remaining on hand, a small assortment of English Goods, suitable for all seasons.

Genuine Brazil Tobacco in Bales, a Box of best Turkey rhubarb, Flour, raisins, loaf sugar, Jamaica sugar, arrack, coffee, West-India and New-England rum,

To be sold by

CARTWRIGHT & JARVIS,

near the blue anchor, Cambridge.

At the same place may be had an assortment of broad cloths, kerseys, serges, shalloons, tammies, cambletts, calamancoes, hosiery, velveretts, with a variety of brassiery wares, on the most easy terms.

DESERTED some time ago from the company under my command in Col. Stark's regiment, one Benjamin Barry, a fellow about 20 years of age, about 5 feet 8 inches high, formerly belonged to Epsom, in New-Hampshire. Also one Jonathan Wilkens, about 5 feet 7 inches high, a well built man, about 27 years of age, formerly belonged to Amherst in New-Hampshire. Whoever will bring said deserters to their regiment on Winter-Hill, shall have 5 dollars reward for each or either of them, by me

AMOS MORRILL.

Camp on Winter Hill, Feb. 12th.

DESERTED from Capt. Daniel Whiting's company, in Col. Asa Whitcomb's Regiment, Hugh Dubbin, about five feet six inches high, walks something stooping, had on when he went away a light colour'd coat with number'd buttons and a large cloth colour'd great coat drawed out of the bore, it is likely he is gone towards Greenwich, as he said his father lived at a place called Sugar Loaf in Orange County in York government. At the same time deserted one John Wright, a tall swarthy complection'd man, had on when he went away a light coloured coat, in poor habit, wore away with him a pretty good blanket. Whoever will apprehend either of said deserters & return them to the said Regiment, shall have a reward of five dollars.

DESERTED from Col. Asa Whetcomb's regiment in Capt. Moses Soul's company, Thomas Finn of Egremont in the County of Berkshire, about five feet ten inches high, dark complection & black hair: also Wait Bark of Chesterfield in the County of Hampshire, about five feet eight inches high, dark hair and complection, about forty five years of Age: & Nathaniel Sprout of Hardwick, in the County of Worcester, about five feet eleven inches high, about fifty years of age, of a sandy complection. Also one James Bishop of New-port, about five feet nine inches high, brown complection, and 30 years of age.--Whoever shall take up, any of the above deserters shall have a reward of five dollars, for each of them.

Feb. 21. 1776. By Order of the General.

STOLEN from me the subscriber, on Monday, the 12th instant, from a shed in Capt. Stadman's yard in Cambridge, a dark bay HORSE with SADDLE and BRIDLE. The horse is about seven years old, and about thirteen hands high; had a large white spot in his forehead, one of his hind feet white, with a crack in the hoof; has a mark of being hamstrung; paces chiefly, but can trot some. Whoever will take up said Horse, Saddle and Bride and secure them, also that the THIEF may be brought to Justice, shall have FIVE DOLLARS reward, and all necessary charges paid by me NATHANIEL SPARHAWKE, of Cambridge.

To be sold by JOHN DENNIE,

At his store in Little-Cambridge,---The following articles, viz. Broad cloths, forest do. Devonshire kerseys, serretes, blue, green and black hair plush; blue and other colour'd beaver coating; black velvet, everlastings, breeches patterns of all colours, fine double cambletts, calimancoes and prussianets, durants and tammies, black and white silk crape, ditto alopeen and bombazine, hat-bands and widow's crape, man's and boys worsted hose; pelong, brolloes, fattins,--blue, green and pink; men's and women's gloves,--white, black and claret; 7-8 and yard-wide Irish holland; diaper; check, linen, knotting, gauze and black handkerchiefs; plain and flower'd lawn, yellow holland, green shalloon, women's and children's flaps, quilted coats, fine lawn bordered aprons; yellow, green, blue, white, and a variety of ribbons and silk tercets; scarlet small lace of different sorts; white and black blond lace; crewels, silk hair & mohair; white, yellow and bath metal buttons, ditto silk and hair, ditto basket for furtouts, ditto silver and gold wrought, a variety of sleeve buttons, pound pins, needles, shoe and knee buckles of various sorts, ivory and horn combs of various sorts, women's fans of various sorts, nun's thread and gartering, chaips for necks or pocket books, ink-powder, sealing-wax, jack-knives and razors, snuff-boxes, snuff by the bottle:---Also a compleat assortment of Liverpool ware, viz. Queen's ware, coffee-pots, tea-pots, cream do. mustard do. bowls, glasses, dishes, coffee and chocolate bowls, &c. white stone plates and bowls, wine-glasses, tumblers, mustard-pots, cups and saucers, salts, and many other articles.

N. B. At the same store is sold,--- Jamaica, West-India and New-England rum, brandy, molasses, brown and loaf-sugars by the hogshead or smaller quantity; Fyal, Teneriffe and Malaga wines by the quarter-cask; also coffee, chocolate, copperas, logwood, rosin, chalk, whale-bone, isinglass, alspice, Florence oil by the flask, salt, salt fish, flour, rice, Spanish brown; a few barrels of sour oranges.

TAKEN up a sorrel Horse. The owner proving his property, may have him again, by applying to THADDEUS ROWMAN of Lexington.

A wet NURSE with a good breast of milk, would be glad to take a child to suckle. Inquire of *Jesse Bymoore* in Woburn.

To be SOLD at the new store opposite Messrs. Payson & Company's sign, CAMBRIDGE,

A small assortment of cream colour'd and stone ware, consisting of tea cups and saucers, tea pots, coffee pots and cream ditto, dishes, plates, mugs, and bowls of all sizes.---Also a few English goods, such as superfine and middling scarlet broad cloth, blue and cloth colour'd ditto, English serges, Devonshire kerseys, white and blue swanskin, rattenes, striped flannal, maccaroni velvet, drawboys, bleak plush; a few spelling-books and psalters; also just received from Philadelphia, a few sets of Political Disquisitions, highly recommended by the Continental Congress, the author of which seems to be a real master of the genius of true government.

TAKEN up on the 26th instant, by Deacon John Lewis of Lynn, a sorrel, or light red Gelding, about 5 years old, with a blaze in his face, one white hind foot, with saddle, bridle and saddle-bags, and supposed to be stolen. The owner proving his property and paying charges, may have him again.

RACKOON SKINS.

A Choice parcel of Rackoon Skins may be had at BICKER's Store, Cambridge: Also a variety of PIECE GOODS, just opened, suitable to the season.

TAKEN up the 29th instant, near the meeting-house in Cambridge, a small leather POCKET-BOOK, with several bills in it. Whoever has lost said book, by applying to Osgood Carleton, Quarter-master of Col. Sargent's Regiment, and describing the same, may have it again on paying for this advertisement.

STOLEN or strayed, in Concord, the 24th of January, 1776, a dark brown chestnut colour'd MARE, about 14 hands and half high, with some white in her forehead, and hackles a colt, and is natural to her pace. Whoever will bring said mare to SAMUEL BROOKS of Worcester, shall have five dollars reward and all necessary charges paid.

Choice Barbados RUM by the hogshead, COFFEE by the hundred or dozen; MOLASSES by the hogshead or barrel; Holland GENEVA per case, of 12 bottles each; to be sold by CHARLES SIGOURNEY, at Middleborough.

To be sold by NATHANIEL AUSTIN,

At Lunenburgh,

Irish linens, stript ditto, black calimanco by the piece, nutmegs by the pound, knives and forks, pewter plates and dishes, black knit patterns for breeches, stockings by the dozen, cotton velvet, black and white sattin, sewing silk, and sundry other articles.

WANTED, a few tons of POT-ASH, or SALTS. Inquire of the printer.

LOST on the road between Concord and Lexington, a pinchbeck WATCH, the outside case flower'd, a china face, a steel wire chain, and a pinchbeck seal and key. If the person who has found it will leave it with the printer hereof, or at Capt. Harndon's in Malden, they shall receive two dollars for their trouble and all necessary charges paid by

EBENEZER HARNDEN, jun.

DESERTED from the 2d regiment in the Continental army commanded by Col. James Reed, two men, viz. Nehemiah Winn of Nottingham West, in the colony of New-Hampshire, and Joseph Robins of Dunstable, in the colony aforesaid; stout, able-bodied men, about 5 feet high. Whoever will take up said deserters, and bring them to Winter-Hill, to Capt. Robert Oliver, in Col. Reed's regiment, shall have one dollar reward for each, and all necessary charges paid by me.

Camp on Winter Hill, Feb. 7. ROBERT OLIVER, Capt.

Choice claret and red port WINE, by the hogshead or less quantity, to be sold on the lowest terms, at the sign of the Free-Mason's arms, by JESSE LEAVENWORTH.

Cambridge, January 30, 1776.

WHEREAS Sarah, the wife of me the subscriber, hath for some time refused to live with me at my lodging, and that I am ready to receive and cheerfully & courteously to provide for her, notwithstanding she hath wasted my estate.--- This is therefore to caution all persons from trusting or trading with her on my account, for that I will not pay any debt she may contract after the date hereof. WILLIAM Mc NEIL.

New-Boston, December 4, 1775.

Mathew Mansfield, begs the favour of such of his customers as are indebted to him, that they would be so good as to settle their accompts with him as soon as possible.

Salem, February 28, 1776.

To be sold at publick vendue to the highest bidder by us the subscribers upon Thursday the seventh day of march next, at ten o'clock before noon, at the house of Col. Stephan Holland, innholder at Londonderry, a good Farm in said Londonderry, lately owned by John Mackartney, dec. containing near one hundred acres of good land, well wooded and watered well water'd, with a good house and barn, and well proportioned for arable, mowing and pasture: and also a good meadow joining to the premises; articles of sale will be published before the vendue begins. By Moses Barnet, and Peter Patterson, Executors to said Estate.

ALL persons indebted to, or that have any demands on the estate of JOSHUA POND, late of Dedham, deceased, are hereby desired to settle the same with DORCAS POND, or JONAS POND, administrators of said estate.

Dedham, February 7th, 1776.

LOST between Cambridge and Medford on the 13th instant, a small pair of SADDLE BAGS, containing a Ruffled Shirt and Stock, a pair of light blue Royal Ribb Breeches, together with two large Keys, and a small article or two of Linnen besides the above. If the person or persons who has them in possession, will be kind enough to leave word with the Printer hereof, so that the right owner may obtain them, they shall receive three Dollars reward.

WANTED, a steady BOY, about thirteen or fourteen years old, as an Apprentice to the Clothier's trade. Enquire of the Printer.

TAKEN up by me the subscriber, a few days ago, a black HORSE, about 14 hands and three inches high, with a star in his forehead, with some white on his hind feet, paces and trots.-------The owner may have him again by paying the charges, and by applying to PETER PRESCOTT of MATTHEW MANCHESTER.

Charlestown, February 7th, 1776.

WHEREAS Anne, Wife of me the Subscriber, has without just cause denied my bed and abode. This is therefore to forbid all persons harbouring or trusting her on my account, as I am determined not to pay any debt she may contract after the date hereof. Danvers, *Feb. 19th*, 1776. John Clinton.

To be sold by W. P. BARTLETT, at his shop in Salem,

A small assortment of English garden Seeds.

JOHN DONOLLIE, an Irishman, deserted from Capt. Daniel Whiting's company in Col. Whetcomb's regiment, on January the 28th, about 5 feet 6 inches high, and about 35 years old. Any person who shall bring him to said company at Roxbury, shall have a Dollars reward, and all necessary charges paid by DANIEL WHITING, Captain.

---ALSO,---

CHARLES HUDMAN, of Capt. Abner Cranston's company in the same regiment, deserted the 5th of January, about 6 feet high, formerly in the regular service, a smart likely soldier; about 24 years old. Any person who shall bring him to the camp of the said regiment, shall receive a Dollars reward and necessary charges paid by ABNER CRANSTON Capt.

DESERTED Feb. the 9th, from Captain Pettengill's company of the 26th regiment, commanded by Col. Asoami Baldwin, JOHN THOMPSON of Berwick, a well set person, about 22 years of age.--Whoever shall take up said deserter, and bring him to the subscriber, shall have three Dollars reward, and all necessary charges paid by

Camp at Fort No. 1. JOSEPH PETTENGILL, Capt.

DESERTED from Captain Joseph Lee's company, in Col. Glover's regiment, a soldier, named PETER JOHNSTON, of Andover, about five feet six inches high. If any one will take up said Johnston, and return him at Beverly, to said Lee, shall have one Dollar reward, and all necessary charges paid by JOSEPH LEE, Captain.

Beverly, February 12th, 1776.

STRAYED or stolen from Capt. Ephraim Jones's tavern in Concord, on the 30th of January, a grayish coloured HORSE, about 14 hands high, has a star in his forehead, paces chiefly, and is about 15 years old. Whoever will return said horse, or give information where he may be found, to Josiah Barns, of said Concord, shall be handsomely rewarded, and have all necessary charges paid.

N. B. Said horse had on a saddle and bridle.

ALL persons having any just demands on the estate of NOAH CLAP, late of Scituate, *deceased*, are hereby desired to bring in their accounts to JOHN CUSHING, jun. administrator on said estate, in order for a settlement; likewise all persons indebted to said estate are hereby desired to make speedy payment to said administrator.

DESERTED, about the 24th of January, from Capt. Stephen Brown's company, of the 20th regiment, one Emanuel Seward, a Spaniard, talks broken English, about 19 years of age, about 5 feet, 9 or 5 inches high, has dark colour'd hair, and of a dark complection; had on when he went away, a slight colour'd cloth great coat and short sailor's jacket, leather breeches, white yarn stockings. Whoever will take up, and return said runaway to the company he belongs to, or regiment lying at Cambridge, shall have two dollars reward, and all necessary charges paid by me, SAMUEL BROWN, Lieut.

ALL persons that have any demands on the estate of Captain JONAS RICHARDSON, late of Woburn, deceased, are desired to bring in their accounts to SAMUEL THOMPSON of Woburn, administrator.----All those indebted to said estate are desired to make speedy payment.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of Capt. EPHRAIM RICHARDSON, late of Lancaster in the County of Worcester, deceased, are hereby desired to make payment thereof to NATHANIEL HOUGHTON, administrator on said estate: And also all persons having any demand on said estate are desired to exhibit the same in order for a settlement of said estate. Lancaster, January 15th, 1776.

STRAYED from me the subscriber, some time last September, two COLTS; one a red gelding, 2 years old past, all red, except tail and mane, which is a little grayish, nose only; the other a black horse colt, a year old past, with a white streak in his forehead, two hind feet white, and wall eyes.--- Whoever shall take up said colts, or give information where they may be found, so that I can have them again, shall be handsomely rewarded and all necessary charges paid by me, (6w.)

Dedham, Dec. 6, 1775. RICHARD WOODWARD.

ALL persons indebted to the Estate of William Cleaves of Danvers in the county of Essex, are desired to make payment to Putnam Cleaves, administrator on said estate: & all persons having any demands on said estate are desired to bring their accounts for a settlement of said estate.

Danvers, Feb. 25th. PUTNAM CLEAVES.

◊ See pa. 890, with the references. & See pa. 870, with the references. × See index, under Fire.

ν See indexes, under Army British of the United Colonies. ϱ See index, under Congress Continental.